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SUBJ: GORAY ADDRESSES BOMBAY'S FIRST OPPOSITION
POLITICAL PARTY MEETING SINCE EMERGENCY

REF BOMBAY 2080

1. CONGEN POL ASSISTANT KULKARNI ATTENDED SOCIALIST PARTY
PUBLIC MEETING HELD IN HALL NEAR CHURCHGATE STATION LAST EVE
18TH (PARA 3 REFTEL) WHICH ADDRESSED BY SOCIALIST MP, GORAY.
HALL FILLED TO OVERFLOWING WITH PEOPLE STANDING INSIDE AS
WELL CLUSTERED OUTSIDE DOOR. KULKARNI ESTIMATES ATTENDANCE AT
ABOUT 3,000. SENIOR SOCIALIST AND JANA SANGH LEADERS WERE IN
AUDIENCE. GORAY'S SPEECH PUNCTUATED THROUGHOUT BY FREQUENT
OUTBURSTS BY AUDIENCE SHOUTING SLOGANS "DOWN WITH MRS GANDHI",
"VICTORY TO JP MOVEMENT", "FREE JP", ETC. THERE WERE LARGE
CONTINGENTS OF UNIFORMED POLICE OUTSIDE HALL WITH THOSE PRESENT
INSIDE IN PLAINCLOTHES. THERE WERE NO ARRESTS.

2. GORAY HIGHLY CRITICAL OF MRS GANDHI. MAIN THEME OF
SPEECH WAS LET THERE BE A DIALOGUE BETWEEN JP AND INDIRA.
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HE CALLED RAM AND Y.B. CHAVAN "COWARDS". HE ASKED WHAT WAS

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WRONG IN JP CALLING ON MILITARY AND POLICE TO DIOBEY ILLEGAL
ORDERS AND ADDED THAT JP HAD NOT CALLED ON THEM TO DISOBEY
ORDERS DURING THE WAR. HE SAID MAHATMA GANDHI HAD BEEN
TOLERANT, WHY WAS MRS GANDHI INTOLERANT? IF JP HAD DONE
SOMETHING WRONG, WHY NOT BRING HIM BEFORE THE COURT AND
GRING CHARGES AGAINST HIM? WHY ARE THE PARLIAMENTARY
SPEECHES NOT PUBLISHED? AND SO ON. GORAY SAID OPPOSITION
WAS FOR MRS GANDHI'D ECONOMIC PROGRAM AND WANT IT TO BE
EVEN MORE RADICAL. THE OPPOSITION TO HER ECONOMIC PROGRAM
IS FROM WITHIN THE RULING CONGRESS, HE SAID, NOT FROM OUTSIDE.
HE REFUTED THE CHARGES MADE AGAINST GEORGE FERNANDES ON
BASIS POINTS LATTER HAD MADE IN HIS LETTERS. GORAY SAID INDIA
WILL FACE A NEW DANGER IN AFTERMATH BANGLADESH CRISIS. SAID
THERE WAS NOW THE POSSIBILITY OF CHINA, TAKISTAN AND
BANGLADESH COMING TOGETHER AND THAT INDIA'S EASTERN BORDER
WAS NO LONGER SAFE. ADDED THAT SOVIET UNION AND US WILL
POSSIBLY TAKE INTEREST IN CHANGED SITUATION AS WELL. THERE IS
ALL THE MORE NEED, GORAY STRESSED, FOR A DIALOGUE BETWEEN JP AND
INDIRA IN VIEW OF THESE DEVELOPMENTS. HE SAID THAT IF MRS
GANDHI CLOSES THE NORMAL DEMOCRATIC CHANNELS OF COMMUNICATION,
"VIOLENCE IS THE ONLY ALTERNATIVE WHICH WE DO NOT WANT". AT
THE END OF HIS SPEECH GORAY CALLED FOR PEOPLE TO RISE -
"DON'T BE A COWARD" - AND COME OUT OPENLY AND TO ESTABLISH
THEIR RIGHTS. IN COURSE SPEECH, GORAY PRAISED AMERICAN
DEMOCRACY AND CITED ROLE OF FREE PRESS IN WATERGATE.

3. BEFORE SPEECH, GORAY TALKED TO TALWALKAR, EDITOR MAHARASH-
TRA TIMES. ACCORDING TALWALKAR, HE SUGGESTED TO GORAY WHY NOT
ASK SHIEKH ABDULLAH TO INTERVENE AND ACT AS MEDIUM BETWEEN
JP AND MRS GANDHI? GORAY ALSO TOLD TALWALKER THAT THERE IS
NO ONE LEFT IN RULING CONGRESS WHO CAN TALK OPENLY TO
MRS GANDHI INCLUDING RAM, Y.B. CHAVAN, AND DIXIT.

4. MAHARASHTRA TIMES FRONTPAGED GORAY'S ADDRESS THIS

MORNING AND ACCORDING TO KULKARNI, GIVES AN ALMOST UNCENSORED

VERSION OF IT LESS REFERENCES TO RAM AND CHAVAN AS "COWARDS"
ETC. ENGLISH LANGUAGE PRESS MAKES NO REFERENCE TO IT.

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5. WE ARE TOLD THAT GORAY WAS SURPRISED BY SIZE OF TURNOUT
AND HEARTENED BY IT. OPPOSITION SOURCES ARE NOW THINKING OF
FURTHER MEETINGS OF THIS KIND. DEPUTY PARLIAMENTARY LEADER
OF JANA SANGH, J.JOSHI, MP, IS SCHEDULED TO ADDRESS A SIMILAR
TYPE MEETING IN POONA ON AUG 25. (EARLIER REPORT WE HAD
RECEIVED OF JOSHI'S ARREST WAS INCORRECT.)
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